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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: H. NOJIMA Confirmation No.: 5549  
Serial No.: 10/649,635  
Filed: August 28, 2003  
For: STORAGE OPERATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
Group: 2168  
Examiner: G. Robinson

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 AND  
CONDITIONAL REQUEST FOR NEW NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**MS AF**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 22, 2008

Sir:

A Final Rejection was mailed May 20, 2008, to which the Applicant responded in the Reply dated August 20, 2008. In response to the Reply, the Examiner issued an Advisory Action dated August 29, 2008, denying entry of the amendments contained in the Reply and citing new objections to claims 22 and 24, outlined below. In response to the Advisory Action and to a telephone conference between the Examiner and the Applicants' representative, the Applicants request withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action and issuance of a new Office Action directed to the matters set forth in the Advisory Action.

Further, the Applicants request entry of the amendments set forth below:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.